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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): A. DATE, et al

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For: STORAGE MEDIUM, RECORDING APPARATUS, PLAYBACK APPARATUS, RECORDING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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June 11, 2003

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A recording apparatus for recording one or more still pictures and still picture group management information for managing said one or more still pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, said apparatus comprising:

    a memory storing said still picture group management information;  
    means for recording said still picture group management information stored in said memory to said storage medium;